

the Kristensen amendment, the Chair is pleased to note that Senator Schmit has guests in the north balcony. We have Marilyn Young and 19 fifth graders from Mead Elementary. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you, we appreciate the fact that you were able to visit us this afternoon. Senator Rod Johnson, discussion on the amendment, followed by Senators Hall and Schmit.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I stand to lend my support to Senator Kristensen in offering this amendment, whether it be a question of germaneness or not, I don't know if that has been addressed, but there is no question with the passage that this body made with LB 361 that complaints are going to be filed and with the increases in valuations across the state with ag land valuations we are going to see a number of complaints filed, and I think this will help expedite the process and I am pleased that Senator Kristensen has decided to offer this at this time because I think it's going to be necessary until we are able to get to the point of discussing the constitutional amendment that will be on the ballot in November of 1990. In the meantime, LB 361 will be in place and we will be making appropriate adjustments to the state ag land valuations. I think this is a necessary tool that the state is going to have to have in order to address those complaints. So, as I said, I, personally, lend my support to Senator Kristensen's efforts to address what I consider to be a very serious problem. I would be happy to relinquish my time to Senator Landis, if he would like the remainder of my time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I serve on the Revenue Committee where we heard this bill. I voted for it in committee. I think it is a wise piece of legislation. We should allow for negotiated settlements and to allow for this kind of expedited approach. I intend to support the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of Senator Kristensen's amendment. Doug brought the bill to the Revenue Committee in the form of LB 332, it is a piece of legislation that does allow for the counties to basically say, we are guilty or we made a mistake and to